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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Todd E. Manahan	Art Unit 3732	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/2/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited. Furthermore, a claim can not refer back to itself (claims 1 and 2). Claim 3 is merely a statement of purported merits of the invention. It does not positively claim the invention in any way.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1, as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Jenkins (United States Patent No. 3,280,826).

Jenkins discloses a hair extension comprising a plurality of hair tracks sewn together at the base and including a plurality of clip affixed to the base.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1, as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen (United States Patent No. 2,620,809) in view of Frazier (United States Patent Publication No. 2004/0129285).

Rosen discloses a hair extension comprising a single hair track having a plurality of clips affixed thereto. Rosen however does not disclose sewing together multiple hair tracks to form the hair extension. Frazier discloses it is known in the art to sew together multiple hair tracks to form an extension which fuller and more dense (see para. 0065). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to form the hair extension of Rosen from multiple tracks, which are sewn together in view of Frazier in order to provide a fuller more dense hair extension.

Claim 2, as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jenkins in view of Ferguson (United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0159705).

Jenkins discloses the invention essentially as claimed except for the clip comprising a curved base bar having small holes therethrough, a resilient, coated clamping bar extending above the base bar, and a single row of comb-like teeth. Ferguson discloses a hair extension which utilizes a clip comprising a curved base bar having small holes therethrough, a resilient, coated clamping bar extending above the base bar, and a single row of comb-like teeth. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use a clip comprising a curved base bar having

small holes therethrough, a resilient, coated clamping bar extending above the base bar, and a single row of comb-like teeth as disclosed by Ferguson with the hair extension of Jenkins in order to more securely retain the extension on the wearers head.

Claim 2, as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen in view of Frazier as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Ferguson.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use a clip comprising a curved base bar having small holes therethrough, a resilient, coated clamping bar extending above the base bar, and a single row of comb-like teeth as disclosed by Ferguson with the hair extension of the combination Rosen as modified by Frazier in order to more securely retain the extension on the wearers head.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd E. Manahan whose telephone number is 571 272- 4713. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571 273-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

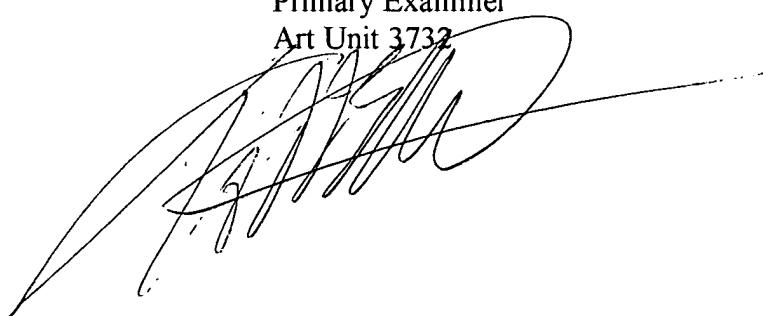
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Todd E. Manahan

Primary Examiner

Art Unit 3732

T.E. Manahan
1 March 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.E. Manahan", is written over a large, stylized, handwritten signature that covers most of the right side of the page.